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Health Department commemorates World Environmental Health Day

Pretoria: The Department of Health in collaboration with various stakeholders will this week join the global community to commemorate World Environmental Health Day to raise awareness about the significance of environmental health to prevent and control infectious diseases for healthier communities.

The 26th of September 2023 marks the 12th World Environmental Health Day (WEHD) since its launch by the International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH), with a proclamation at its September Council Meeting in Bali, Indonesia.

The 2023 World Environmental Health Day 2023 will be commemorated under the theme: “**Global Environmental Public Health – standing up to protect everyone’s health each and every day**”, which is a clarion call governments and organisations to play their part to protect the environment and make communities healthier places for people live and work free from infectious diseases.

According to the World Health Organization 2016 data, more than 100 illnesses and injuries can be directly linked to environmental health concerns, and these issues have the greatest impact on vulnerable communities.

Members of the media are invited to attend the event scheduled as follows:

Date Tuesday, 26 and Wednesday, 27 September 2023
Time 09h00
Venue Dawn Mountain Lodge, Cape Winelands District Municipality, Western Cape

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